

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Poffenberger Cottage Survey Number: WA - 11-1110

Property Address: west side Old Route 65, Antietam National Battlefield

Project: Demolish Poffenberger Cottage and outbuildings Agency: NPS

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

District Name: Antietam National Battlefield Survey Number: WA- 11-477

☒ Listed ☐ Eligible _____ Comment _____

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☒ D ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

The resource _____ contributes/ ☒ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

_____ Location _____ Design _____ Setting _____ Materials

_____ Workmanship _____ Feeling ☒ Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided, the Poffenberger Cottage and three outbuildings, do not contribute to the Antietam National Battlefield, nor is the property individually eligible under any of the National Register Criteria for Evaluation. The two story frame house was constructed c. 1890. The outbuildings include a privy and a shed which were constructed approximately 40 years ago. Thus, these buildings fall outside the period of significance for the battlefield and have no association with the Civil War history of the site. The house as constructed was an unexceptional building. All three buildings are presently on the verge of collapse. Thus the property does not appear likely to be significant under criterion C. In addition, it is not known to have been associated with any significant events or persons and has no known information value.

Documentation on the property is presented in: Project file, Maryland Inventory Form #

Prepared by: Jane Kemble
NPS

Beth Hannold November 22, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

R. Anderson 11-23-94
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties; and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☐ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☒ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic, single family residence, domestic
outbuildings

Known Design Source: na

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Poffenberger Cottage

2. Location

street & number Dunker Church Road (Within Antietam National Battlefield not for publication n/a

city, town Sharpsburg ☒ vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Antietam National Battlefield (National Park Service)

street & number P.O.Box 158 telephone no.: 301-432-7675

city, town Sharpsburg state and zip code MD 21782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 942

street & number Courthouse Square folio 300

city, town Hagerstown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The structures being documented in this inventory form are a part of a larger tract of land which includes several other structures. An inventory form will likely be completed for the other structures at a later time.

The Poffenberger cottage and two outbuildings are located along the west side of Old Route 65, a tour road within Antietam National Battlefield. The structures are approximately two hundred yards north of the Dunker Church.

The cottage is a two-story frame structure with asphalt shingle siding and a metal roof. The approximate date of construction is 1890. The overall exterior size measures 17 feet by 25 feet with an attached enclosed porch which measures 8 feet by 17 feet. This attached portion has pulled away from the main portion of the structure and has collapsed. There is an interior chimney. There are a total of eight windows. Most are double hung sash with six-over-six lights. The window sashes have been broken with most of the glass gone and many of the interior doors are battered or missing. The structure is in very poor condition as it has been vacant for over 20 years.

The structure has two rooms on each floor. The interior walls are plastered and the rooms have narrow plank wood floors. The first floor has been undermined by groundhogs and has partially collapsed into the cellar. The structure contains no significant decorative elements.

The outbuildings include a privy and a shed measuring 18 feet by 20 feet. Both are frame structures with wood siding and metal roofs. The approximate age of these structures is 40 years. (See the attached Resource Sketch Map for spacial arrangement.) The area is heavily overgrown with vegetation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ☐ Unknown Builder/Architect ☐ Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The research conducted has not found any evidence that the Poffenberger cottage has association to any significant event, time period or person. The structure lacks architectural significance.

Therefore it does not qualify under criteria A,B,C of the National Register criteria. While the property is included within the boundary of the Antietam National Battlefield National Register historic district, it is lacking in significance and integrity to warrant individual nomination to the National Register. The ground the structures sit on as part of the historic battlefield may be eligible under criteria D. However, this possible eligibility is fully covered by the Antietam National Battlefield Historic District nomination, and individual nomination is not justified for this reason alone.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1 acreQuadrangle name KeedysvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet 10.1

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Jane Kemble, Cultural Resource Management Specialistorganization Antietam National Battlefielddate 5/20/94street & number P.O. Box 158telephone 301-432-2243city or town Sharpsburgstate MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CONTINUATION SHEET 10.1

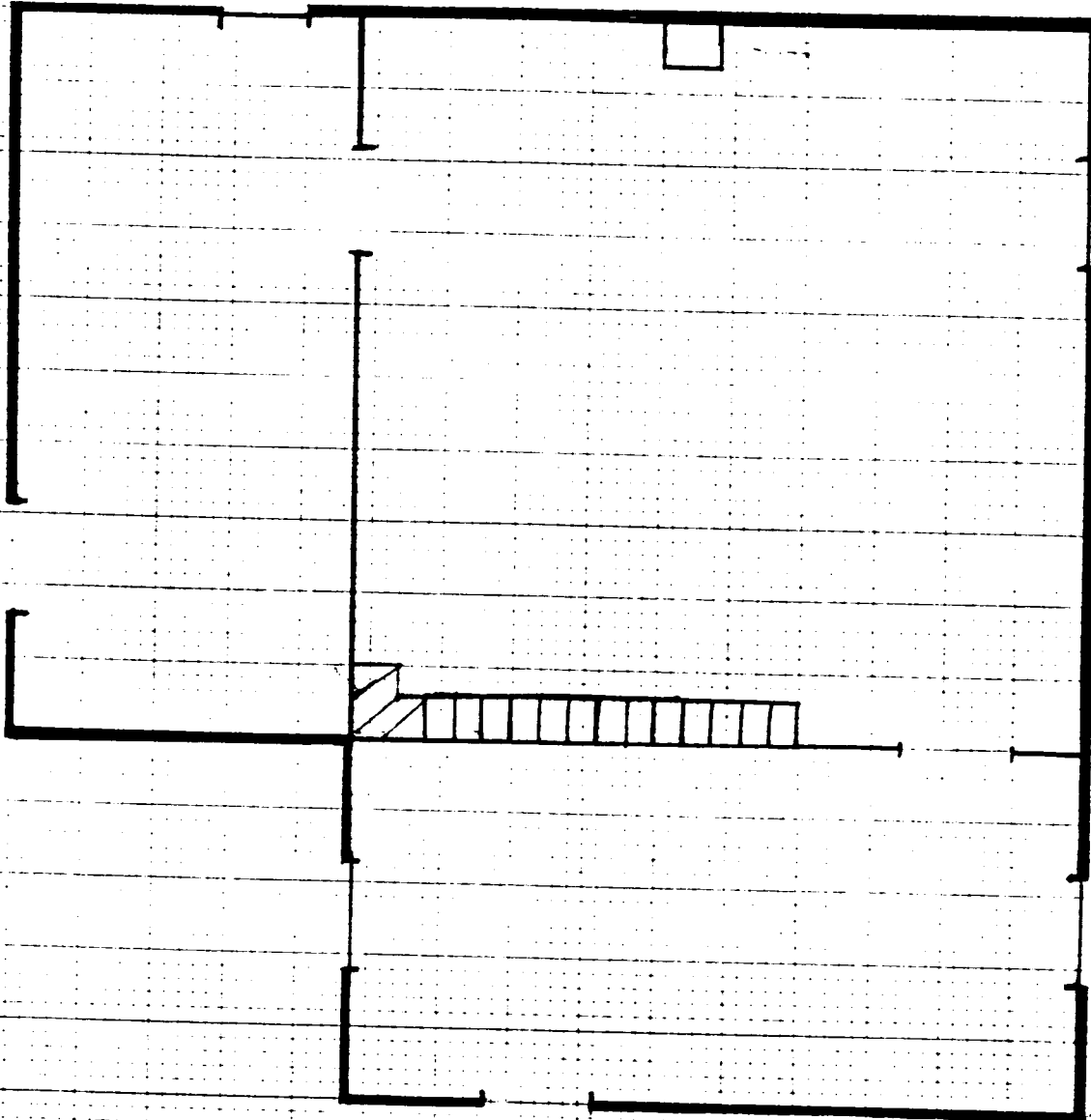
Poffenberger Cottage
Washington County, Maryland

SECTION 10: GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

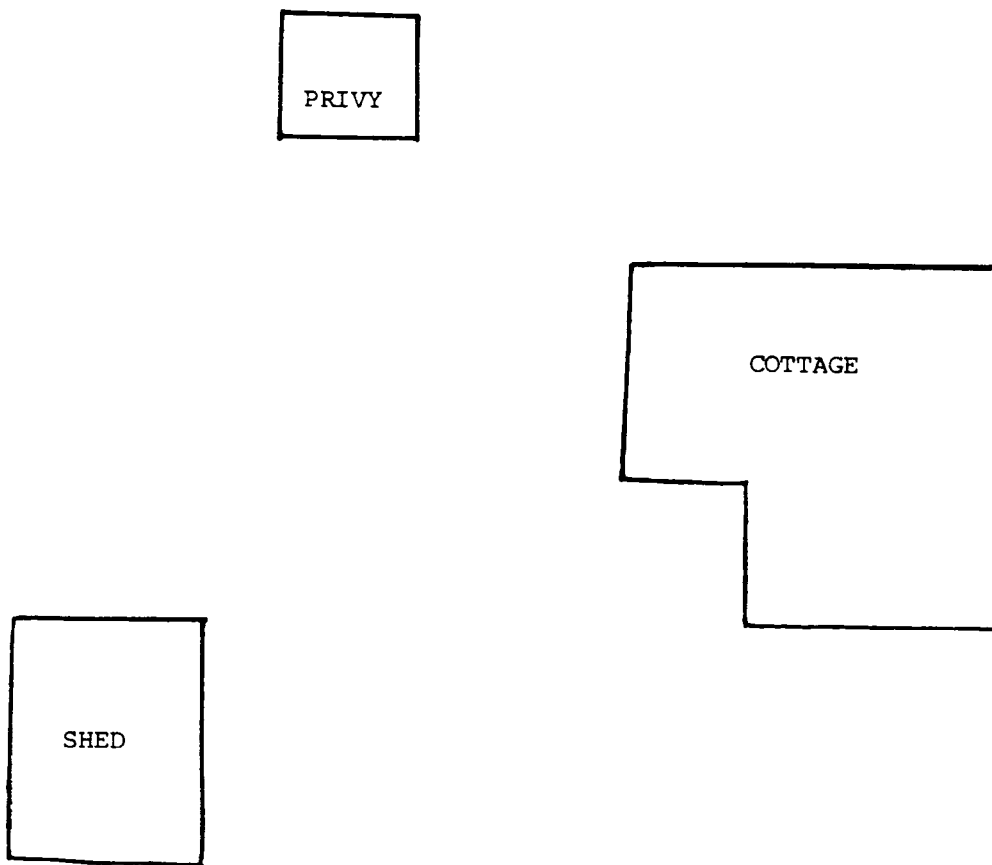
(Verbal boundary description and justification as prepared by Richard L. Bowers, SRPA, S.R/wa., Appraiser-Consultant in 1991 for Tract 05-155.)

The property is located between Maryland Route 65 and Old Route 65. There is approximately 892 feet which borders along the south side of Starke Avenue and approximately 1,340 feet borders along the north side of Confederate Avenue. The frontage along Old Route 65 north of Confederate Avenue measures a distance of 719 feet which is fairly close to road grade and the frontage south of Starke Avenue along Old Route 65 is a distance of 447 feet.

While the total acreage for this tract of land (Tract #05-155) is 41.05 acres, the Poffenberger cottage and outbuildings being documented in this inventory are located on less than one acre. The cottage fronts on Old Route 65 approximately 200 yards north of the Dunker Church. The remaining acreage will be addressed when an inventory is completed for the larger Poffenberger house and farm buildings.



Poffenberger Cottage
 Antietam National Battlefield
 Washington County
 Sharpsburg, Maryland
 1994/Jane Kemble
 1st Floor
 Scale: 1/4" = 1'



Resource Sketch Map
Poffenberger Cottage
Antietam National Battlefield
Washington County
Sharpsburg, Maryland

MAP

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ANTIETAM

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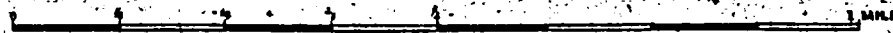
H. W. MATTERN, Asst. Engineer,

} Gettysburg National Park

Contour intervals 10 feet.

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Scales.



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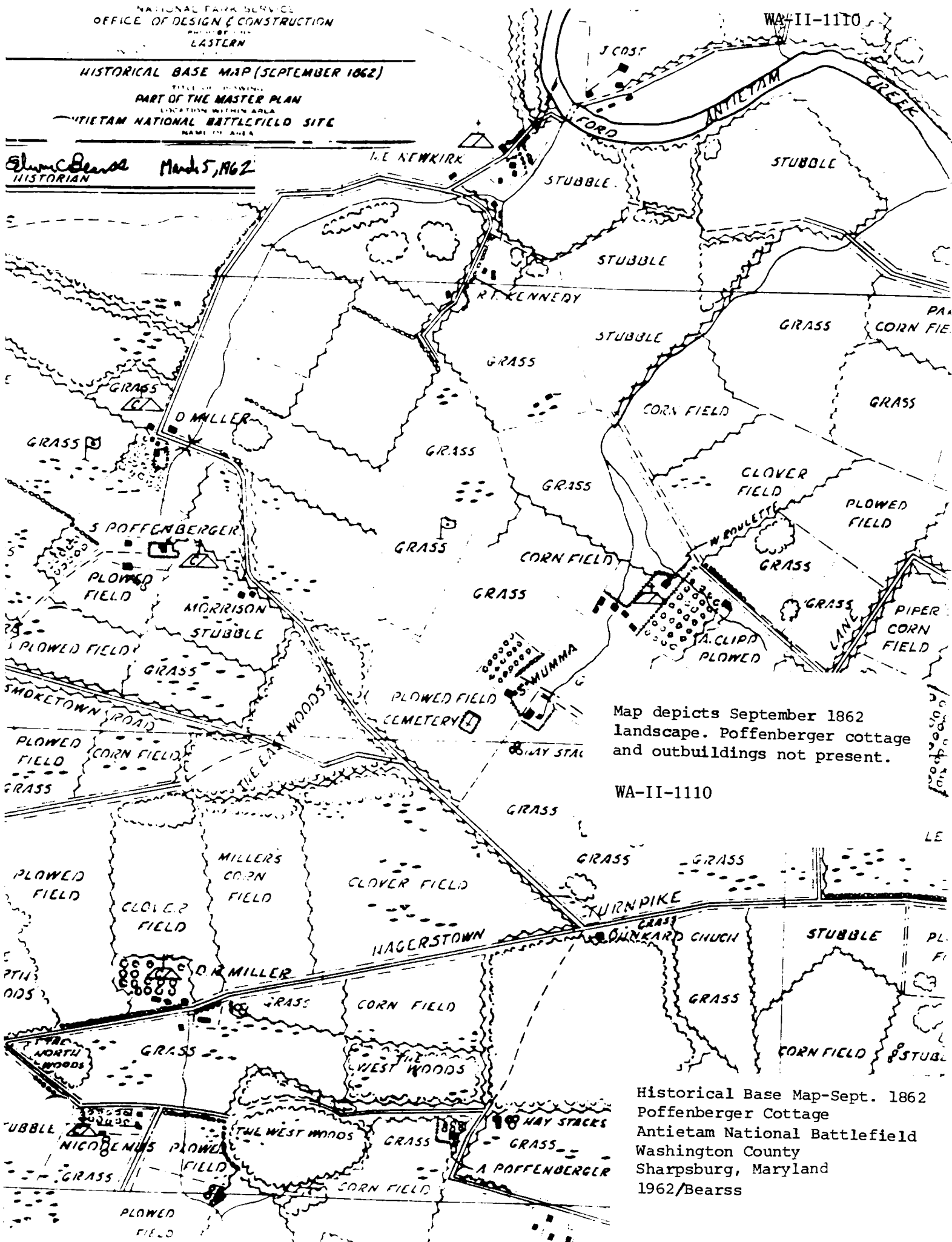
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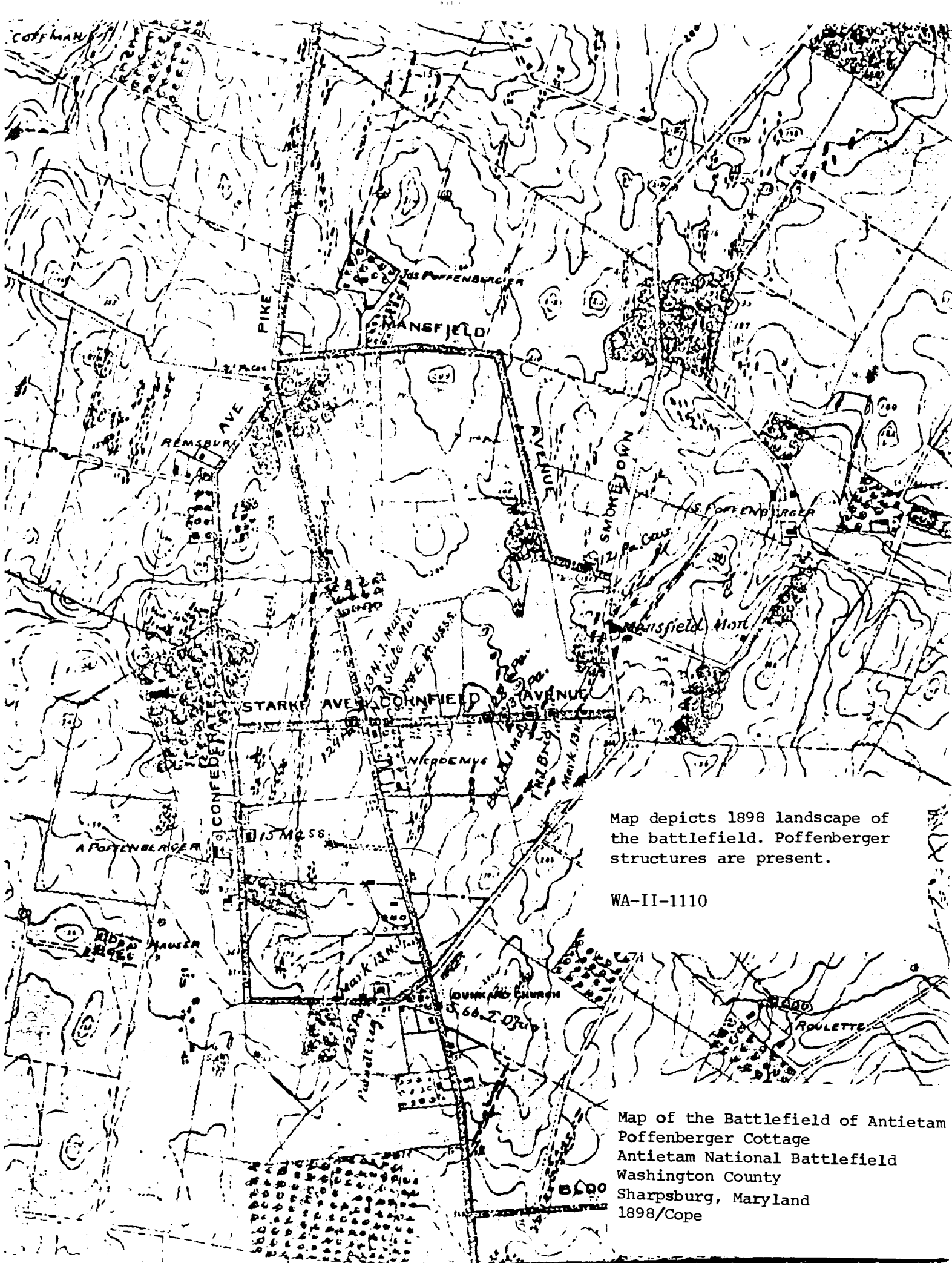
Steve Beane HISTORIAN March 5, 1962



Map depicts September 1862
landscape. Poffenberger cottage
and outbuildings not present.

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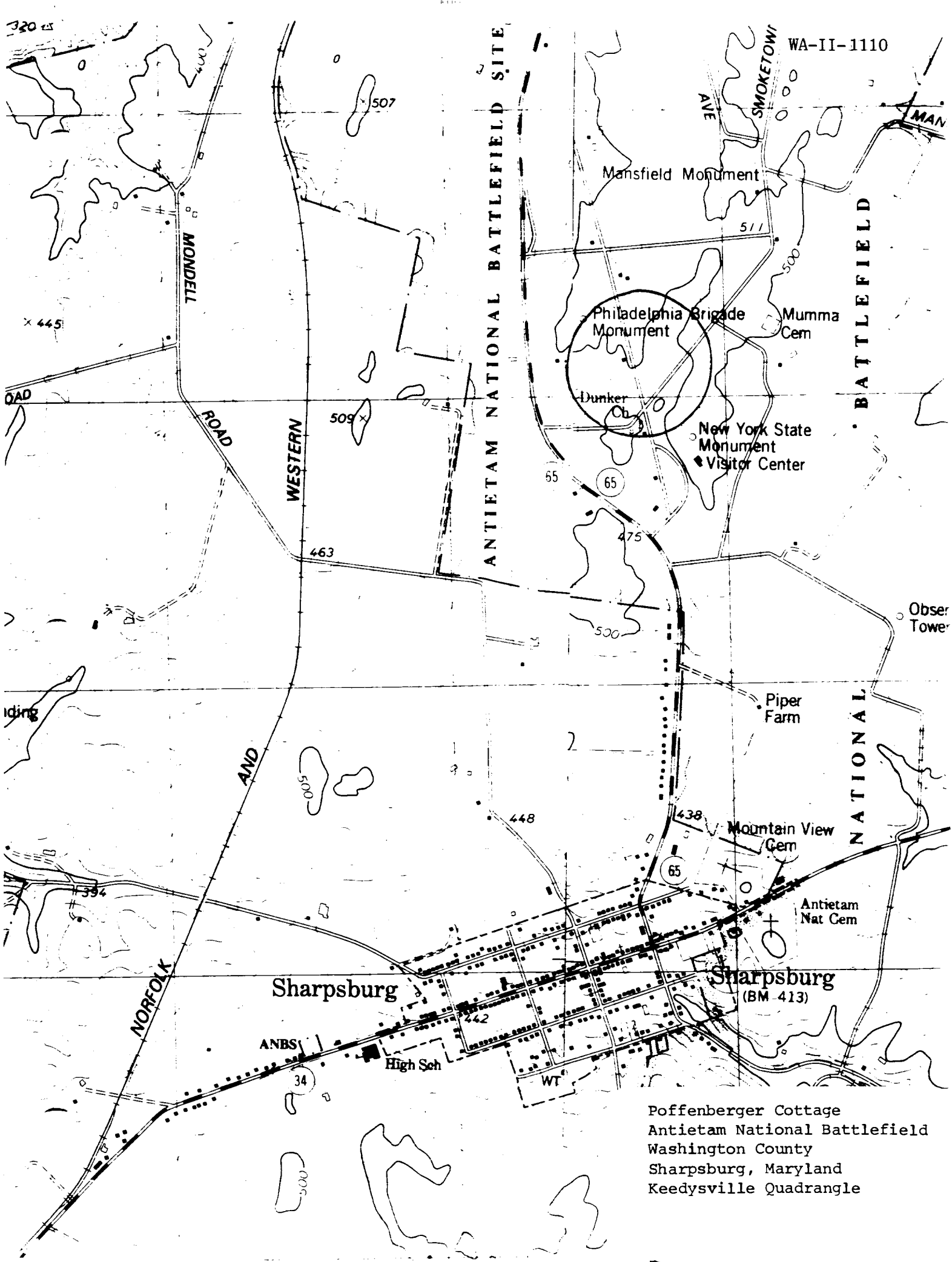
Historical Base Map-Sept. 1862
Poffenberger Cottage
Antietam National Battlefield
Washington County
Sharpsburg, Maryland
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Map depicts 1898 landscape of the battlefield. Poffenberger structures are present.

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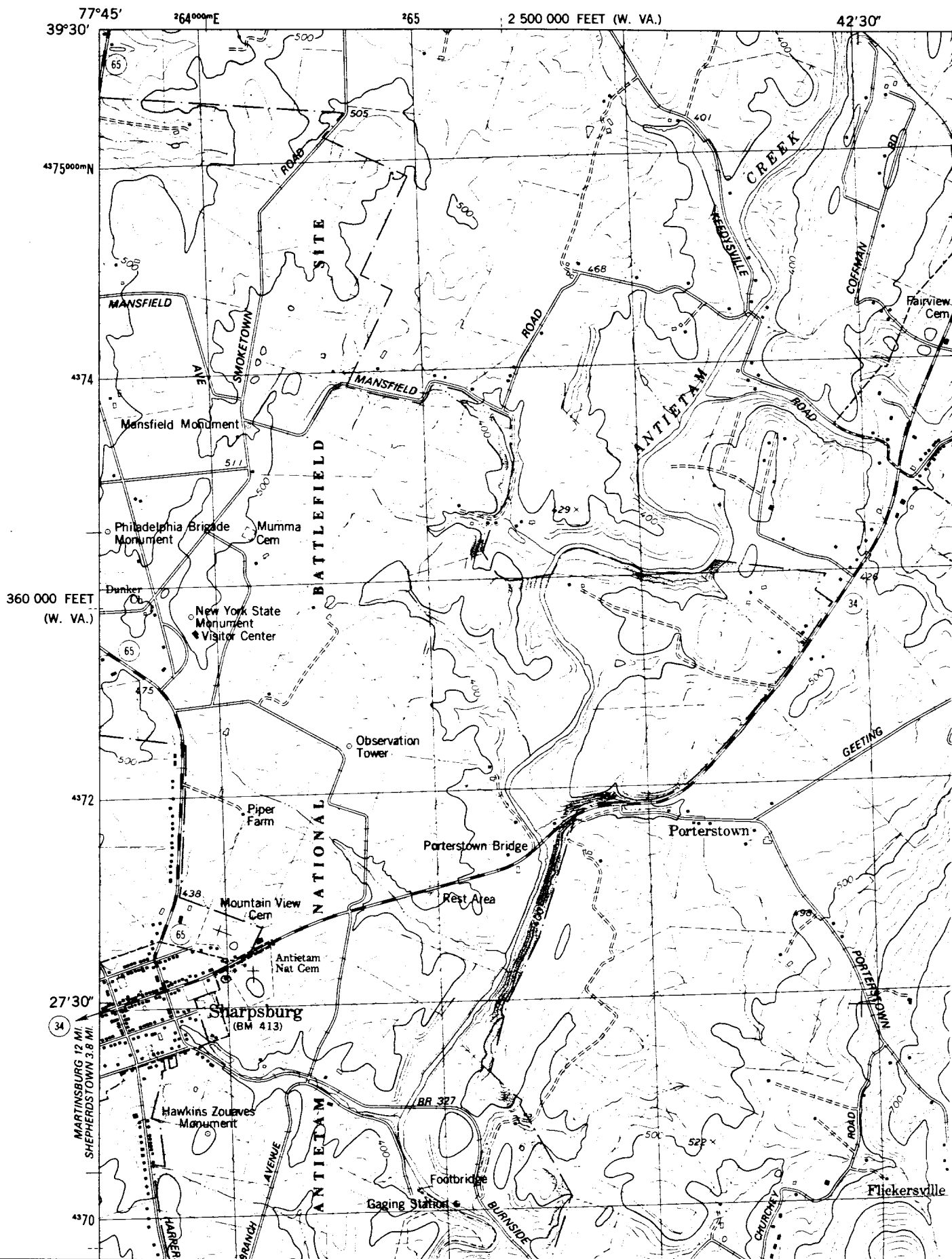
Map of the Battlefield of Antietam
Poffenberger Cottage
Antietam National Battlefield
Washington County
Sharpsburg, Maryland
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Poffenberger Cottage, View from
Park tour road, NE elevation

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Poffenberger Cottage, NE elevation
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Poffenberger Cottage, North
elevation

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Poffenberger Cottage, East elevation
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Poffenberger Cottage, South
elevation

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Poffenberger Cottage, South
elevation, collapsed porch

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Privy, East elevation
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Privy, NW elevation

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Shed, North elevation
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Shed, South elevation

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